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For : CARRIER HAVING IMMOBILIZED ANTIGENS OR ANTIBODIES  
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 10, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 10, 2004, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until June 10, 2004.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time to extend the period for response by one month to July 10, 2004, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the appropriate government fee. However, if the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement, and the rejection of record are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.